

Mr. Speaker, the example set by Jack and his teammates demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Jack on a job well done, and wishing him nothing but continued success in all his future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF JOHN F. HEGARTY,  
NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE  
POSTAL MAIL HANDLERS UNION

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 28, 2015*

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of John F. Hegarty, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the National Postal Mail Handlers Union (NPMHU) and the United States Postal Service (USPS). John retired on May 1, 2015 and has moved back to his beloved Western Massachusetts.

The son of Charles and Ann Marie Hegarty, John was born on January 31, 1955 in Holyoke but grew up on Rupert Street in Springfield, before moving his family to Wilbraham, MA, where he currently resides.

Mr. Speaker, John Hegarty attended Commerce High School. After graduation like many of his contemporaries he sought work. He worked at Titeflex in Springfield and started his union career as a steward (Teamsters Union) representing his fellow workers. John left Titeflex in 1985 when the USPS called and he started his Postal career.

John was National President of the National Postal Mail Handlers Union from July 2002 to his retirement. He was re-elected to that position by acclamation of the delegates to the Union's National Conventions in 2004, 2008, and 2012. In this capacity, John is the chief spokesperson for the NPMHU in national bargaining with the USPS.

For the ten years prior to becoming National President, John served as Administrative Vice President for the General Mail Facility/Bulk Mail Center in Springfield, Massachusetts. He then became President of Local 301 in New England, one of the largest local unions affiliated with the NPMHU, covering six states. In addition, beginning in 1996, he also served on the NPMHU National Executive Board of the NPMHU's parent union, the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA).

Mr. Speaker, John Hegarty is known for his generous spirit and kind heart. He has had the good fortune to be married to his wife, Constance, for thirty-three years. John and Connie are proud parents of two children, two grandchildren with a third on the way.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to join with John Hegarty's family, friends, and contemporaries to thank him for his extraordinary service to the National Postal Mail Handlers and the United States Postal Service.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CAPT.  
RICHARD "DICK" CURRIER

**HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 28, 2015*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life of retired Navy Captain Richard "Dick" Currier, the commanding officer who oversaw the construction of what was known then as Naval Submarine Support Base Kings Bay.

Captain Currier spent most of his Navy career in the submarine service during the transition from diesel to nuclear-powered submarines. He joined the Navy in 1954 and served upon four surface ships before becoming a submariner. As his first sea duty, Captain Currier served aboard the diesel powered submarine USS *Grampus*. After that tour of duty, he was sent to nuclear power school and was assigned to the nuclear submarine USS *Scorpion*. Five more submarine assignments followed, three of which he served as the commanding officer.

Captain Currier's last duty assignment started in 1983 as the commanding officer of Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay in St. Marys, Georgia. At the time of his arrival, only 100 people were assigned to the base. Kings Bay's pier was still under construction, a majority of roads were unpaved, and most buildings were still in the planning stages. Under Captain Currier's leadership Kings Bay developed into the Navy gem of Georgia's Golden Isles.

Captain Currier retired after 34 years of service and continued to be active in the St. Marys community where he served on the board of directors for the St. Mary's Submarine Museum among other roles.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize the service and life of Captain Richard "Dick" Currier, a pioneer of Kings Bay who will always be remembered.

TRIBUTE TO JHETT WILLIAMS

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 28, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jhett Williams of Madison County, Iowa, for qualifying for the National Junior High Rodeo Finals in breakaway roping, team roping, and chute dogging.

Each summer, approximately 1,000 youth competitors from across the country qualify to compete for scholarships and prizes at the National Junior High Rodeo Finals. I commend Jhett for his hard work and dedication to achieving his goals. He is a phenomenal young role model for others who are aspiring to compete in this prestigious national event.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I represent Iowans like Jhett in the U.S. House of Representatives. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jhett on a job well done, and wishing him nothing but continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROD BLUM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 28, 2015*

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 469, my flight was delayed due to inclement weather.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

TRIBUTE TO ANITA LYONS BOND,  
PH.D.

**HON. WM. LACY CLAY**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 28, 2015*

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable woman and long-time civic icon in St. Louis, Missouri, who has set a standard of excellence in academics, educational reform, social justice, community leadership and personal courage, Dr. Anita Lyons Bond.

Anita Lyons Bond has been making history for decades. As the first African American student to graduate with Latin Honors from Saint Louis University in 1949, she has devoted her life to opening up the doors of equal educational opportunity to all, especially those students in urban areas who are still striving to overcome difficult circumstances and persistent academic disparities.

In May of this year, as she presented an honorary doctorate to Mrs. Bond, Saint Louis University trustee Martha Uhlhorn recognized her "extraordinary determination, her exemplary character, her exceptional commitment to education, her concerns for others, her fearless focus on social justice and her desire to provide equal access to education for all students."

In 1965, Mrs. Bond challenged the Missouri Board of Education's elections. Her lawsuit, contending civil rights violations, went to the Missouri Supreme Court and ultimately resulted in changes in election procedures. Later that year, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis honored her with the Argus Distinguished Public Service Award for her service to the city as a leader in education and in the community.

Mrs. Bond established the Citizens Education Task Force, an organization funded through the Danforth Foundation that functioned as an independent critical body of the Board of Education.

In 1974, she became president of the St. Louis Board of Education. She served the board in various roles and was instrumental in the Board of Education and the Higher Educational Council establishing Harris-Stowe as a state college, rather than a secondary school.

In 1981, U.S. District Judge James Meredith appointed her to serve on the committee that wrote the St. Louis public school desegregation plan. She also served on the boards of the YMCA, NAACP, Urban League, United Negro College Fund and others. The NAACP named her one of the "Most Outstanding St. Louisans."